

REMARKS

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-76 will be pending. Relative to the Amendment dated March 26, 2003, claims 1-71 have remained unchanged; claim 72, as previously submitted, has been removed; and claims 73-77 have been renumbered as claims 72-76 in view of the removal of claim 72. In addition, the term "photohardenable composition" in step (b) of claim 76 (previously claim 77) has been changed to "photoformable composition". Consequently, claims 72-76 have been changed and claim 77 has been canceled. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been introduced with the above amendments. Reconsideration of the outstanding rejections is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Re: Paragraph 2 of the outstanding Office Action

Claim 72 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §251. Claim 72 has been cancelled to expedite the prosecution of this application and it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is moot.

Re: Paragraph 4 of the outstanding Office Action

Applicants note that a Supplemental Declaration for Reissue is attached hereto and that no new issues have been raised relative to the Amendment dated October 7, 2003.

Re: Paragraph 5 of the outstanding Office Action

Claim 77 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Applicants have reviewed and revised claim 77 (now claim 76) bearing in mind the Examiner's comments and it is respectfully submitted that all claims are in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112.

Re: Paragraph 7 of the outstanding Office Action

Applicants note that attached hereto are, in addition to the Supplemental Declaration for Reissue, two Declarations (one by the inventors and one by the Assignee) setting forth an error and the correction as currently made. Also note that the Declaration by the inventors includes the zip code of inventor Caspar. Withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §252 is respectfully requested.

Finally, Applicants note that a statement as to loss/inaccessibility of the 5,707,780 Patent was filed on October 7, 2003.

For any and all of the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance.

It is respectfully submitted that all objections and rejections have been addressed and overcome and a Notice to that effect is courteously solicited. However, if the Examiner believes any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone to expedite the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,  
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